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Application No. 10/538,854	)	
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Filed June 14, 2005	)	
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For: PRINTING BLANKET ASSEMBLY FOR	)	
A BLANKET CYLINDER AND METHODS	)	
FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING	)	
BLANKET ASSEMBLY	)	

**COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

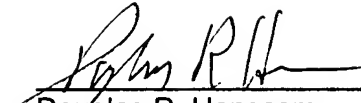
The attention of the Examiner is directed to recently issued U.S. patent No. 7,278,352, which issued on October 9, 2007. That patent has a common inventor with the subject application, and is assigned, in first to the assignee of the subject application.

The '352 patent is believed not to be prior art. Its PCT filing date of December 15, 2003 is after the PCT filing date of the subject U.S. patent application. Its 35 USC 371 filing date is also subsequent to the filing date of the subject U.S. patent application. It is being brought to the attention of the Examiner in accordance with conservative practice.

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